IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert A. Luciano, Jr. et al. Examiner: Flores Sanchez, Omar

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed November 28, 2006, and is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 22-34 are pending. Claims 1-8 have been withdrawn. Claims 9-21 have been canceled. Claims 22, 23, 26, 28 and 29 have been rejected by under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Ishii *et al.* (US 6,257,475). Claims 30-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Ishii *et al.* (US 6,257,475). Claims 22-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michelovic (US 5,624,066) in view of Ishii *et al.* (US 6,257,475). These rejections are respectfully traversed.